

REMARKS

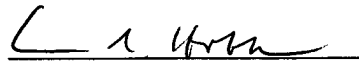
In response to Item 3A of the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated January 11, 2006, applicants note that as described on page 7, paragraph 2, of the amendment, Reference Figure 1 is identified as being appended to the present amendment. "Reference Figure 1" pertains to the present inventors having actually immunized FcγRIIB knockout mice with other target antigens, and no autoimmune diseases were caused. Reference Figure 1 is not a part of the specification, and therefore identification as "Replacement Sheet", "New Sheet" or "Annotated Sheet" as requested by the Examiner, is not proper.

The present inventors immunized FcγRIIB knockout mice with bovine type I collagen and bovine type III collagen which are the target antigens in SLE (systemic lupus erythematosus) and neither significant difference between serum antibody titers of anti-bovine collagen IgG1 antibody and IgG2a antibody nor the apparent pathological lesion was observed.

Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that the originally filed amendment is in compliance, and no correction is needed. Favorable consideration is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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